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Honorable Bert Stedman Co-Chair, Senate Finance Committee Rm # 518 Juneau, AK 99801

Honorable Natasha von Imhof Co-Chair, Senate Finance Committee Rm # 514 Juneau, AK 99801

Honorable Mike Shower Chair, Senate State Affairs Committee Rm # 417 Juneau, AK 99801

Dear Senators Stedman, Von Imhof, and Shower,

I would like to take this opportunity to provide the Committees with additional information and clarification regarding my previous business interests, work history and recent Senate testimony.

In 2011, I verbally entered into an equity-stake business venture with the Reynolds family of Puyallup, WA. Together, my business partner Bryan Reynolds, his family and I rebranded an existing franchise into a new business with an additional location and created another new business with one location – known then and today as Anthem Coffee & Tea and Elements Frozen Yogurt.

As the businesses grew, it became clear that the verbal agreement I entered into was not going to materialize into a written agreement. After numerous negotiations with the Reynolds family and much heartache for me and my family, we parted ways.

During my Senate confirmation hearing on January 23, 2019, I was asked in detail to discuss my relationship with Anthem Coffee & Tea and Elements Frozen Yogurt. After reviewing the testimony, I would like to take the opportunity to clarify a few of my statements:

- In response to questions, I incorrectly stated that my association with the Anthem Coffee & Tea and Elements Frozen Yogurt ended in 2014 when in fact it ended in 2012.
- In response to questions, I accepted the terminology used by Senator Wielechowski when I should have clarified that I parted ways with the company, rather than selling an ownership stake.

I sincerely apologize for stating this incorrect information and thank you for the opportunity to respond. Like many business owners and entrepreneurs, I've had great success and faced certain failure. Each experience has taught me great lessons, and collectively they have made me a better person, husband and manager.

Sincerely

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John Quick, left, and Bryan Reynolds are excited for the opening day of their new frozen yogurt store, which they hope to expand to a national market.

## Frozen yogurt comes 'full circle'

New business opening in city hall building along North Meridian has garnered a following loyal fans, all excited to support two local Rogers High School graduates with a dream

BY COURTNEY DONLIN of The Herald

Success has never tasted so sweet for two local Puyallup. business owners, Bryan Reynolds and John Quick.

On Saturday, July 9, the two consepteneurs will open their new business, Elements Frozen Yogant - a decade after their desire to open a coffee shop in downtown Payaliup

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Although Elements Frozen Yogurt opens its doors on July 9, its grand opening is scheduled for mid-August. Owner Bryan Reynolds said the grand opening will feature local celebrities and moste. For more information on Elements frozen Yogort.



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# Elements Frozen Yogurt is a great all-American story

Headlines in the national press bring little comfort to many business owners.

Many bricks and mortar mom and pop

stores are going away.

But in historic downtown Puyallup there is a beacon of hope represented by a start-up business called Elements Frozen Yogurt.

The owners, Bryan Reynolds and John Quick, embody the American Dream: of starting a business, being successful and excited, and bringing in new jobs to the area. The store supports 16 employees.

The city made a good choice bringing this store into city hall—welcoming two hometown Rogers High School graduates. Make sure to celebrate this store July 9 and try the many "element" toppings.